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It doesn't have MP3 input

March 17, 2006

It looks like have MP3 input in the discription or ad,but it doesn't. So I returned one of two I ordered for my daughters.

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The unit sounds like a washing machine when you first turn it on, I guess it's checking each of the CD drives.
The main reason I bought this was the MP3 capabilities, and I believe Philips has optimized it for that purpose.
Instead of a single platter type changer, it has FIVE separate cd trays. You can play all 5 CDs straight through, but shuffle and repeat modes only apply to the current disk. So, if you load this thing with 5 CDs, it won't shuffle between all 5 disks, only the current one, then it switches to the next CD. This is fine if you want to shuffle through a homemade MP3 CD each with hundreds of songs, but not so good for plain old audio CDs.
The best feature of the unit is the sound, it is enormous for such a little thang. I have a big Sony system in my with den with huge JBL speakers, and this little dynamo sounds darn near as good.
I've compared standard audio CDs versus my homemade MP3 CDs, and I really can't tell the difference in sound quality. It has 4 equalizer and 4 reverb settings, they all sound great to me. The MAX SOUND is basically a

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loudness button on steroids, boosting both the highs and lows and adding some reverb. Again, I hate to keep repeating this, but it sounds great for such a little unit.
It has a clock display and a timer feature. The FM tuner is okay, it comes with one of those dopey wire antennas, I wish it had a telescoping type instead.
Overall I am very happy with this unit and would recommend it to my friends.

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T. Howell

Great sound, great function, great price.

January 27, 2005

Verified Purchase

I read a lot of the reviews here on this stereo and have to agree with most. The two common complaints about the startup noise/time and the fan are both somewhat correct. They wouldn't prevent me from buying this again.

First the fan. I have to say that I listen to this at very low volume at night (barely audible) so I don't bother my roommate. I can't hear the fan. The only time I hear the fan is when I'm leaning over loading a disc in, if it isn't playing anything at the time. The fan in my opinion is a non-issue.

Second, the startup noise. Yeah, this thing has to check all of the CDs everytime you turn it on, which is a pain. Sometimes you only turn it on to take a disc out and you have to wait while it runs through this cycle. I would prefer it didn't do this, but I wouldn't change my decision to buy it based on this annoyance. It's not that big of a deal to me.

Now for the good stuff. This thing sounds great for what I use it for. It's not my livingroom stereo, I listen to it while I fold laundry and go to sleep. Sometimes if I want to rock out before going out on the weekends, it allows me to crank it up without distorting the music. I listen to mostly hip hop and it never lets me down.

So, to sum it up. If you want a stereo for your kitchen, bedroom, dorm, etc, you should buy this. It sounds great, plays CDs and mp3 CDs (this is my first mp3 'player') and looks good on your shelf (take the grills off). If you want to walk into a room, listen to 30 seconds of music and turn it off, it isn't for you (refer to the startup issue). I'm very happy and that's what matters!

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Great unit with some bizarre issues

September 17, 2005

Verified Purchase

In terms of sound quality, aesthetics, and usability, this stereo system is quite ideal, and for its price, it's one of the most attractive unit on the market.

What I looked for initially and value is the ability for MP3 playback (even though I still haven't tried it) and separate trays for the discs so that I can swap them without disrupting current CD. It's a solid unit.

Now for the issues: first of all, as mentioned by others, the CD trays are noisy. When starting up the stereo, the CD trays do unknown things for quite a long time (up to 10-15 seconds) for no apparent reason. My guess is that it's swapping discs, but this noisy process happens sometimes even if the CD you want to play was the last CD you played before restarting the unit. Also, if you accidentally pressed play when you wanted to eject, and soon press eject, the CD will take forever to come out.

But the worst problems relate to the remote. One of the problems is that the power button works differently on the remote from the one on the unit. For the remote, the power button cannot turn the unit back on. You have to choose one of CD, tuner, Aux, or USB. This is annoying because you can't use the button to get back to where you started without remembering where you were and looking for that button on the remote.

Also, and this has happened more often than desired, which should be never: the unit blatantly ignores the remote. This usually happens when the unit has been working for a while. I push a button on the remote, and the unit LED display shows that it received a signal from the remote, but it refuses to do anything. It is very frustrating.

These are minor problems, I suppose, but it does lead one to question the quality of the product. It's just lucky


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that it's been minor so far. And yes, the FM antenna wires are awful. The clock and timer functions are not overly useful especially since the LED display is rather small so it's pretty illegible across a bedroom.

I have not tried the USB, and I have no intention to do so. The point of a stereo system is to leave your computer alone. It's easier to get a set of good computer speakers than getting into the trouble of hooking these things up. Or just get Apple's AirTunes.



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Awesome System-Great with MP3-RWs

October 25, 2004

Verified Purchase

First a great word about Amazon - I ordered this sytem and chose free shipping - and got it 2 days later! The system was much smaller and more tasteful than almost any of the others on the retail shelves - and the sound is unbelievable for a system this size. It plays my MP3-RW disks with no problem and reads them very quickly. I haven't made use of the PC-connection capabilities, as the systema and my PC are in different rooms, but it's nice to know the capability is there. I researched a lot before buying - and you can't get anything better for the money. I heartily recommend it.

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James D. Dennis Jr.

Excellent Gift Excellent Price

January 28, 2006

Verified Purchase

After looking and listening to Bose, Cambridge etc.

I gave this as a Christmas present to my parents.

It is very well made and will hold 5 mp3 disks = essentially 600 high quality songs. It does randomize well and displays song titles before playing.

As a long time audiophile and speaker designer I would recommend stuffing a moderate amount of loose pillow fill (from Walmart) into the back bass port. This will reduce the 'boomy' bass to a realistic better defined bass. Other than that awesome for the money.

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Kevin Ireland

Still trucking 7 years on

November 1, 2013

Verified Purchase

This unit has moved a half dozen times in it's 7 years. It continues to produce great quality sound, and has been visually adaptable to each place I've lived. The CD changer has never fouled up either, which is rare I feel like. I will buy a Philips shelf unit again if this one ever stops working, of which it shows no sign!

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jm

worked great when i had it

February 18, 2016
Verified Purchase

worked great when i had it. then i put it in my trunk of my car, and one day it stopped working.

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Mr Parallel

Spoke too soon.

December 31, 2005
Verified Purchase

Just got the unit yesterday. I'm using it as both stereo and home theater. Comments about the flimsiness of the CD trays are not without substance, but otherwise I'm very pleased. It sounds great, looks nice too. Whole lotta audio for not much money.

Update: After one year of light use, the flimsy CD trays got jammed. Now it's in the shop. Remains to be seen what I'll pay for repairs.

I'd reduce the number of stars to 1 but that doesn't seem to be possible.

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Mark A. Furnari

Great sound, quick breakdown, philips chokes, amazon to the rescue

September 30, 2005
Verified Purchase

This is a interesting story. Received my system very quickly from amazon, set it up, played some tunes and was expectedly impressed. Big, quality sound for a great price. Left on vacation for one month, returned, and the cd exchanger would not respond to anything. Called phillips and after multiple attempts was forced to face the fact; ship the machine in at my cost for repair. The Phillips tech suggested that I call amazon, tell them the story and see what happens. Amazon shipped another machine out immediately, and paid for the return shipping on the dud. Complication: 3 cd's stuck in the machine which could not be removed even with technical support. Result? shipped the machine back to amazon with a return mailer for the cd's. Havent' heard from them or seen the cd's - one monthe later. I am giving up! A local tech said that here in VT there was no real support for Phillips equipment and a tech manual did not exist for my model. Great machine - small price, hope you live in a big city.

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R. Sherhart

Wow!

September 10, 2006
Verified Purchase

I was amazed at the sound this thing makes! As soon as I got it, I played a rock radio station - amazing reception and sound! I tried many stereo systems at different stores, and most of them couldn't pick up any radio stations within the building, but this one could.

I listen to a variety of music - everything from Christian rock to Enya to opera. It all sounds good on this thing. I especially recommend this system for those who like a strong bass. I am very impressed!

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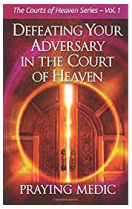
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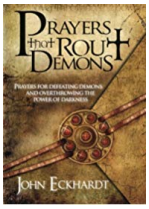
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